(c) Extension of 17/18 Saurashtra Janata Express is not justified on account of inadequacy of traffic. Change in timings as proposed in the representation, are not possible to implement due to following reasons: (i) Due to berthing and maintenance difficulties at Bombay. (ii) Difficulty of movement of sectional coaches. (iii) Commuters will be deprived of the service between Bombay to Valsad.

Amendment of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 for pension to school employees in Delhi

2611 SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in egecting an amendment in the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 so as to provide pension to all school employees who served between 2nd September, 1972 and 31st December, 1973; and

(b) what is the total number of school employees who served during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Amendment of Delhi School Education Act, 1973, requires prior approval of Metropolitan Council. The amendment bill is presently being processed by Education Department, Delhi Administration, for approval of the Executive Councillor (Education).

(b) About 150.

Loss of life and property due to heavy rains

†2611-A. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimates regarding loss of life and property due to heavy rains during the current monsoon in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

†Previously Unstarred Question No. 2883, transferred from the 23rd August, 1985.

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A Statement based on the assessments made by the State Governments is attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 56]

Indigenous Production of Deep Sea Fishing Vessels

†2611 B. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan for encouraging indigenous production of deep sea fishing vessels and trawlers in our shipyards;

(b) whether it is a fact that for every trawler which is imported the customer has to place an order for an indigenous trawlers;

(c) whether Government are aware that Indian ship building industry has not yet designed, developed and manufactured deep sea vessels which are comparable in quality and performance to the imported vessels;

(d) whether Government are aware that the cost of building deep sea fishing vessels is quite high;

(e) if the answers to parts (a), (b), (c) and (d) above be in the affirmative whether Government are aware that this policy is likely to adversely affect the fishing industry and lead to stagnation in fish production and exports; and

(f) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) yes, Sir.

†Previously Unstarred Question No. 2142, transferred from the 16th August, 1985.